

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office action mailed March 30, 1998. With the withdrawal from consideration of Claims 32-35 and 56-66, Claims 1-16, 18-19, 21-23, 26-31 and 36-55 are presented herewith for consideration.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner alleged that apparatus Claims 32-35 and method Claims 56-66 recited separate and distinct inventions from apparatus Claims 1-16, 18-19, 21-23, 26-31 and 36-55. Although applicants respectfully disagree with this assertion, applicants are withdrawing Claims 32-35 and 56-66 from consideration so that the prosecution may continue on the remaining claims. Applicants intend to file divisional applications to continue the prosecution of Claims 32-35 and 56-66.

In view of the above amendments and these remarks, consideration of Claims 1-16, 18-19, 21-23, 26-31 and 36-55 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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